



Briefly

Blood drive

The U.S. Border Patrol has a blood drive 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday at the border patrol office, 1997 Highway 54 South.

Housing office hours

The base housing office opens at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The office is closed in the morning for cleaning.

AFOSI recruiting

Air Force of Special Investigations has a recruitment briefing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday at the base theater. There will be scheduled interviews Thursday at the same location.

For information visit the Web site at www.dtic.mil or contact Agent Steven Hardy at 572-7143.

Prayer breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m., Thursday at the enlisted club. Tickets are \$5 at the chapel.

Static

All base residents are invited to this month's static display is 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday at hangar 500.

Cancellation

The Hispanic Dance today at the community center is cancelled.

Food tasting

An Asian Pacific Islanders food tasting is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday in the chapel annex. Cost is \$5 for lumpia, chicken adobo, pancit, rice and butter mochi.

ACC team visits base

by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An Air Combat Command six-member Sexual Assault Assessment Team arrived here Saturday to assess the effectiveness of existing plans and programs that are in place to handle sexual assault cases.

According to the team chief, Col. Mary Kay Hertog, the Air Force has tasked all major commands to assess each of its bases' sexual assault response programs. The purpose of the assessment is to gather information on recording and handling assault cases. Also the team assessed the resources for victims, for example counseling, medical care and other resources.

"The Air Force is a fully integrated team of women and men," Colonel Hertog said. "We work together to accomplish the mission. Sexual assault is a crime and has no place anywhere ... especially the U.S. Air Force."

The Air Force takes sexual assault seriously, said 49th Fighter Wing Command Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt.

"It's incompatible with our Air Force core values," he said. "We will not tolerate it, and those who violate the law will be held accountable. When we find someone not in compliance, we'll act aggressively and accordingly."

Sexual assault is a crime punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. In two years, Holloman

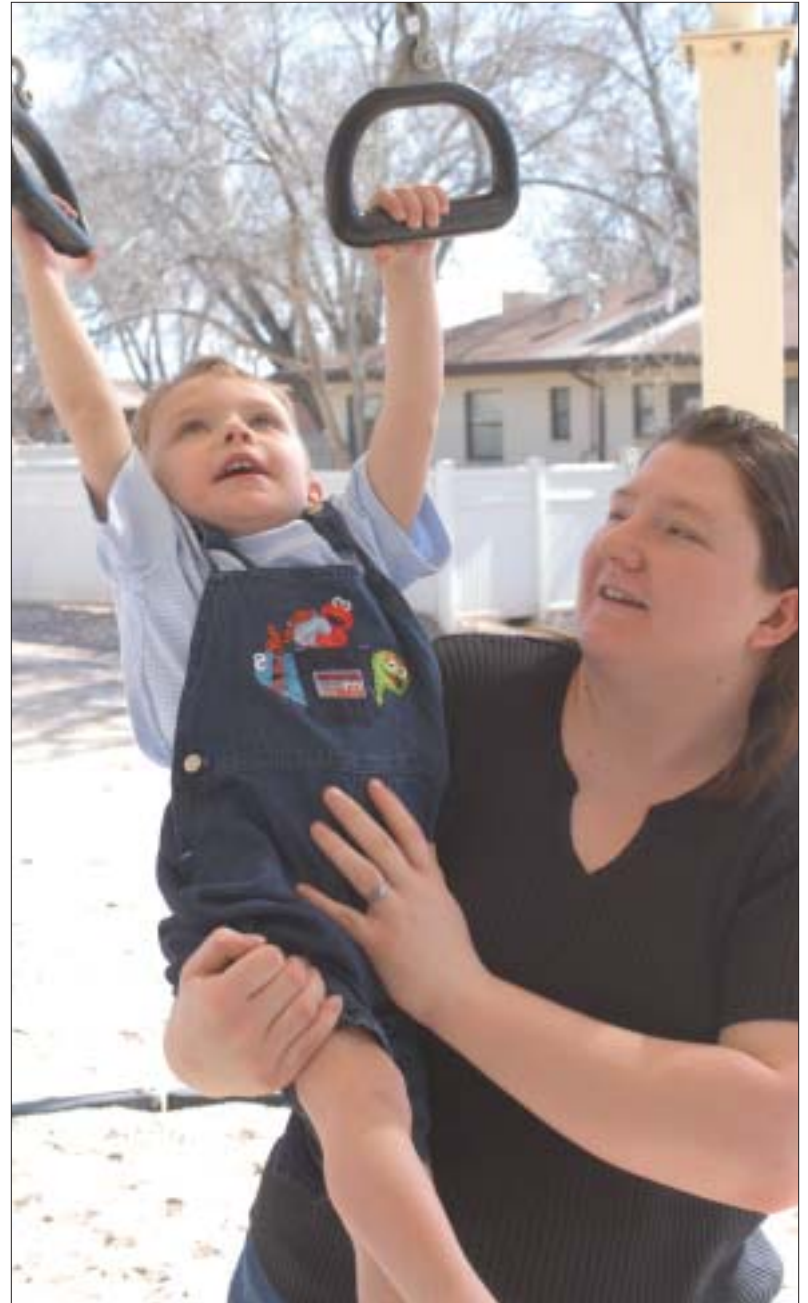


Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Spring in full swing

Gavin and his mom, Ms. Yolanda Ruschmeyer, enjoy Holloman's spring-like weather at the jungle jim in base housing Wednesday.

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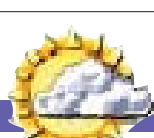
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TODAY



High: 68
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SATURDAY



High: 56
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SUNDAY



High: 64
Low: 28
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

AFAF helps motorcycle accident victim

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

One motorcyclist was making a right-hand turn onto New York Avenue in Alamogordo when his bike was rear-ended and thrown onto its left side. The rider was pinned between hundreds of pounds of steel and the pavement.

The bike then spun about three times, grinding the rider across the road.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Luke, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment craftsman, said he was amazed that despite the severity of the accident, he only suffered a broken leg.

"As I was spinning I was thinking mostly about the damage it was doing to my new bike," Sergeant Luke said. "I was also thinking of how I could avoid getting run over by the other cars on the road at the time."

After the initial shock wore off, Sergeant Luke realized how the accident happened. While he was making the right turn out of the Wal-Mart parking

lot onto New York Avenue, a tractor-trailer was also making a right turn into the store's lot. A driver behind the tractor-trailer passed the truck on the left, pulled in front of it and into the lane Sergeant Luke had just turned into, rear-ending him.

He knew his leg was broken and didn't try to stand. The driver, who was riding in an '80s model gray Mercury Cougar, left the scene after seeing Sergeant Luke start to check himself for injuries, he said.

Thanks to his safety gear, Sergeant Luke survived the accident.

"I can say for sure the thing that really saved me was my helmet, which was broken in two pieces," he said. "I also wear a Kevlar padded riding suit. The jacket was completely shredded."

The accident caused \$1,900 in damage to Sergeant Luke's motorcycle, which he had purchased earlier that day with only 11 miles on the odometer. Because the other driver left the scene, Sergeant Luke had to cover the expense

himself to avoid claiming it on his own insurance.

To pay for the damage, Sergeant Luke got help from the Air Force Assistance Fund.

"They gave me an interest-free loan to pay for the repair work because of the circumstances behind the accident," Sergeant Luke said. "If they didn't help me, I would have an outstanding debt that I wouldn't be able to pay."

The Air Force Aid Society benefits active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force members, surviving spouses and families.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to:

The Air Force Aid Society, the official charitable organization of the Air Force which provides airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details on pro-

grams and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at <http://www.afas.org>.

The Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, FL, near Eglin Air Force Base which provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village web site is <http://www.airforcevillages.com>.

Holloman's AFAF kicks off Monday and ends April 23. The points of contact for the base are 1st Lt. Nathan Pifer and 2nd Lt. Kelly Miller. For more information call 572-0200.

Holloman woman reflects on history

by Mr. Donald Larsen
49th Maintenance Group

Team Holloman women are following the path paved before them by other women. From Chicago Capt. Tara Shamhart has made her way to the 49th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate General's office.

She joined the Air Force for the opportunities. During her six-year career, she graduated from Arizona State University with a law degree.

Captain Shamhart said the biggest challenge she faces is maintaining a balanced life between work and personal time. She said prioritizing is a key to maintaining that balance.

She is inspired by people's dedication and convictions.

"It's the paralegals who work in my office every day who inspire me," she said. "Also, it's the people I meet around base, friends and colleagues."

Women working today inspire the captain, but the women who were in the military before me, especially the women of World War II have been a great inspiration.

"They set the stage for me and other women," Captain Shamhart said. "The women who were first demonstrated women can achieve anything: the first woman Air Force Academy graduate, the first chief master sergeant, the first brigadier general..."

The 2004 National Women's History Month theme is "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility." The women in history have made a difference, she said.

"Women no longer need to fight for the same acceptance and respect as men in any life endeavor," Captain Shamhart said. "Women need only meet the same educational, experience and professional qualifications as men to be accepted in any field, specialty, or goal, but gender is not an issue. And that someday, the notion of a National Women's History Month will sound just as foreign as having a National Men's History Month."

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	21
DUIs this year	16
This week last year	12

Last six DUIs

• 49 MMS	Feb. 21
• 8 AMU	Feb. 16
• 49 MMS	Feb. 13
• 49 LRS	Feb. 8
• 49 CS	Feb. 7
• 49 CS	Feb. 2

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

294 Saves this year
18 Saves this week



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Members of the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight take a 12-mile walk around the base's perimeter to prepare for the Bataan Memorial Death March later this month.

Long road home: Team prepares for Bataan Memorial Death march

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight members take a 12-mile walk around the base's perimeter.

These members aren't performing security checks. They're training for the 26.2-mile Bataan Memorial Death March, scheduled for March 21 at White Sands Missile Range.

Because the teams will compete in the march's light military category, they've been practicing in their uniforms and combat boots.

"For the first two weeks, everyone got blisters," said Senior Airman Christian Schweitzer, laboratory technician. "But our feet developed calluses and now we're getting used to it."

The 12-mile practice march usually takes about three-and-a-half hours, said Senior Airman Albert Black, training manager. To pass the time, they talk about everything from sports to food.

"Our strategy is to leave the talking to the end to keep our minds off the pain," Airman

Schweitzer said. "Toward the end, there's nothing to talk about."

For future trainings, they will use trivia game cards to help pass the time and ease the pain, Airman Schweitzer said.

It's important that all members of each team cross the finish line at the same time. If they don't cross together, the entire team is disqualified.

"If we have to drag someone across the sand to finish together, we'll do it," said Master Sgt. Jesus Suarez, superintendent.

The march honors tens of thousands of American and Filipino World War II heroes who, on April 9, 1942, were taken as prisoners of war by Japanese forces.

The troops were marched for days through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died, and those who survived faced the difficulties of a prisoner of war camp.

"We are doing the march in memory of individuals who did it during the war," Airman Schweitzer said. "That's reason enough."

Information for this article was taken from the Web site www.bataanmarch.com.

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has tried four cases under the UCMJ for sexual assault, the general said. In all four cases, the result was punitive discharges and each airmen served jail time.

"We're all responsible for ensuring base personnel enjoy a healthy and safe living, working and training environment," General Hunt said. "Sexual assault

erodes our Air Force cohesion and individual dignity. It can affect the morale of an entire unit both deployed and at home. Even one case is too many and is absolutely unacceptable."

This is a leadership issue and everyone needs to know sexual assault will not be tolerated, Colonel Hertog said. Every ac-

cusation must be fully investigated and when appropriate disciplinary actions will be pursued. Victims will receive proper care and support.

The ACC team will travel through Wednesday, then will compile data and provide Air Force leadership with an assessment of sexual assault issues.

IDS coordinates support services

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

Whether a Team Holloman member is looking for parenting classes or a support group, chances are they can find what they need on base.

However, if they can't find what they need, members of the Integrated Delivery System can either locate an existing service or provide a new service on base.

The IDS is a group made of Life Skills, the Health and Wellness Center, Family Members program, the Chaplain's office, Family Advocacy, Public Affairs and a representative from the wing.

"Its job is to make sure we're on top of the community based services at Holloman," said Mr. Howard Hill, IDS chairman. "We're interested in whether or not the base is offering enough services like parenting classes, divorce classes and support groups."

If any Team Holloman member feels there is a community-based need, they can contact the IDS to find out if that service is already offered or if it should be started.

"The IDS team is really about a coordination of services," Mr. Hill said. "Wherever they go within the helping agencies, whether it is the FSC or the chaplain's office, we should be able to steer people in the right direction."

The IDS team is also responsible for improving the quality of services on base.

Recently, an Air Force-wide community assessment survey was conducted to determine which community services needed improvement.

The survey asked questions about Team Holloman's

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Ms. Susan Misener
IDS committee member

sense of community, safety, personal preparedness, physical well-being and financial status.

The IDS takes the results then creates a plan for the services that need improvement.

"Based on the results, we look at what we can do as the IDS to tackle problems," Mr. Hill said. "If the issue is financial status, we ask 'What can we do to make sure our people have financial resources available to them?'"

That can involve either creating a new service or better advertising for a service already offered.

"The IDS team pulls all its contacts and resources to provide for the needs of the people," said Ms. Susan Misener, IDS committee member. "By working together, we can accomplish more and provide more than on our own."

According to Mr. Hill, whether a Team Holloman member is thinking of starting a new service or looking for services already offered, the IDS is the group to contact.

"Everyone has a right to approach the IDS," he said. "We keep our hands on the pulse of what's going on at Holloman and in the community."

For more information about the IDS, call Howard Hill at 572-7061.

National Junior Honor Society inducts its newest members

by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The National Junior Honor Society inducted 26 new members at Holloman Middle School Tuesday night.

The NJHS is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, both the NJHS and the National Honor Society for high school students, honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. All Honor Society members are expected to maintain the standards that were used as the basis for their selection.

According to Holloman's NJHS advisor, Mrs. Silvia Papp, selecting members into the society is an important process.

"Every year, we select and evaluate students on scholarship, service, leadership and character," she said. "In the first step of the process, we review the students' academic records to identify those who are scholastically eligible for membership. At Holloman, students must have attained and held a 3.5 grade point average or higher. The students are then evaluated by school staff on their service, leadership ability and character. It's a high honor to be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society."

Technical Sgt. Jon Shumard and his wife Kindel attended for their son's induction.

"For Corey to have been inducted to the NJHS is a tremendous accomplishment," said Sergeant Shumard, 49th Maintenance Squadron. "This induction is a direct result of hard work and a great attitude towards school and community. We are very proud of him and the Holloman schools."

The 49th Fighter Wing vice commander, Col. Rich Treadway, was the ceremony's guest speaker. The colonel, himself an inductee in 1970, compared the baby boomer generation with the "Generation Y" students who were being inducted.

"You're smarter and more sophisticated than our generation," he said. "There is more information and resources available to you today than there have ever been. Through television, movies, magazines and the Internet, you are exposed to more at your age than my generation had been."

Additionally, Colonel Treadway said another standout quality of this new generation is that they consist of team builders.

"In my generation, our loyalty is usually to our job or our boss," he said. "This upcoming generation has shown their loyalty is to the team – to each other. This generation has the potential to be the best America has ever seen – and these students are the leaders of that new generation."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

Sarah Auer, daughter of Lt. Col. Tim and Mrs. Janie Auer, receives her certificate from Ms. Maria Showalter, principal of Holloman Middle School, during Tuesday night's National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony.

The National Junior Honor Society was established in 1929 and has more than 7,000 chapters in the United States and more than 75 countries.

NJHS inductees

6th Grade

Jared Bautista
Nickolas Davis
Rebecca Garthwaite
Oliver Hirsch
Steffen Hirsch
Melissa Bartz
Madeline Cholewa
Olivia Preisch
Corey Shumard
Rachel Lucas
Brittany Saiers
Monika Robinson
Clarissa Williams
Talor Gannaway

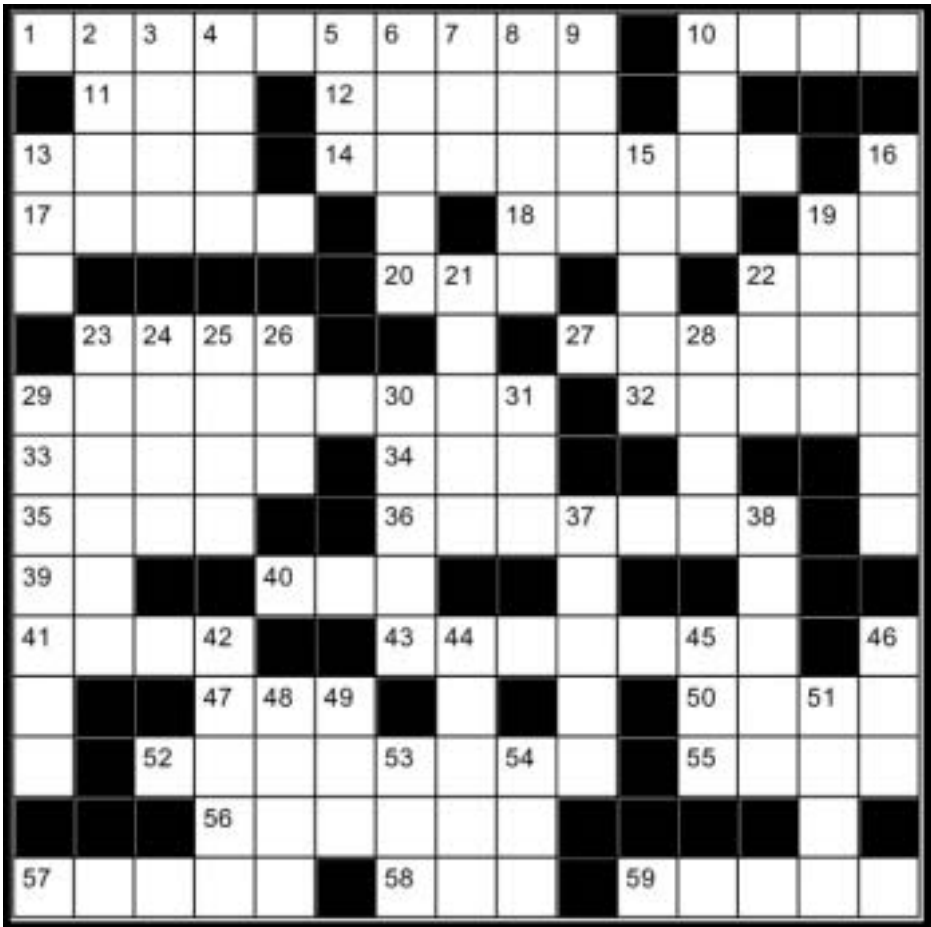
7th Grade

Parker Hinman
Julia Smith
Lakendra Jordan
Yanique Whyte
Cree Calloway
Robert Stenger

8th Grade

Britney Gilliam
Brandon Proctor
Kelly Coupaud
Sarah Auer
Blaine Proctor
Jordan Garza

CROSSWORD



CSAF, past and present

- ACROSS
1. CSAF—4/30/48-6/29/53

10. CSAF—8/1/69-7/31/73 or 11/6/97-9/6/01

11. Military show of appreciation (abbrev.)

12. Cream of tartar

13. Plant

14. CSAF—10/26/94-9/1/97

17. CSAF—6/30/61-1/31/65

18. Oklahoma town

19. Postal abbrev. for state home to Barksdale AFB

20. Navy AFB equivalent

22. Investigation for airplane crashes (abbrev.)

23. Org. to stop drunk driving (abbrev.)

27. CSAF—9/6/01-present

29. CSAF—2/1/65-7/31/69

32. _____ Arabia

33. Musical show

34. Zodiac sign

35. Wife of king of Sparta (Greek mythology)

36. Puffed (as in a cigarette)
39. Video game maker ____ Sports

40. ____ Paulo, Brazil

41. Play

43. CSAF—6/30/53-6/30/57

47. Head cover

50. Horse feed

52. Frenzy

55. Bite

56. CSAF—9/26/47-4/29/48

57. CSAF—7/1/74-6/20/78

58. Architect I.M. ____

59. CSAF-7/1/86-6/30/90
16. CSAF—7/1/82-6/30/86

19. Exaggerated

21. CSAF—7/1/78-6/30/82

22. Kwik-E-Mart owner on *The Simpsons*

23. CSAF—10/30/90-10/25/94

24. Made a perfect score

25. Children’s show ____ *the Explorer*

26. Building block of life

28. Boy

29. Bothers

30. Poet and critic T.S.

31. CSAF—9/18/90-10/29/90

37. Happening on a cycle

38. CSAF—7/1/90-9/17/90

42. Instead of those?

44. CSAF—7/1/57-6/30/61

45. Rest of 7 DOWN

46. Compass direction

48. Swiss mountain range

49. Actress ____ Carrere

51. Soft mineral

53. Smack

54. Israeli machine gun

What's going on in the Tularosa Basin and beyond...

Shooting match

The Otero Practical Shooting Association has a Hi-Power Rifle Shooting Match at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range in La Luz. The match is open to the public. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call Mr. Butch Rials at 437-3663.

Autism, Etc.

Zia Therapy Center, in conjunction with the SouthWest Autism Network is interested in forming a local Parent Support Group for families and friends of individuals with Autism and other special needs. The initial formation meeting is 6 to 8 p.m., Monday at Zia Therapy Center, 900 First St. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and to R.S.V.P., call Ms. Barbara House, Zia's adult services manager, at 439-4930

PowerPoint seminar

"Friends Don't Let Friends Do Power Point" is the name of the next seminar sponsored by the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce's Business Support Committee. Mr. Ed Carr, execu-

tive director of both the chamber and Otero County Economic Development Council, will present the seminar from 7 to 8 a.m., Wednesday at First National Bank. Mr. Carr has over 10 years of experience in Power Point and recommends the seminar to anyone who wants to learn the basics of Power Point to enhance their business presentations.

The seminar is free for chamber members; \$10 for non-members, payable by the registration deadline of 5 p.m., today. To register, call the chamber at 437-6120, stop by 1301 N. White Sands Blvd. or e-mail the chamber secretary at sec@alamogordo.com. Seating is limited.

Relay for life

Relay for Life meetings are held from 1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday and March 31, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the community center. The Relay for Life event starts April 30. Register for a team for \$10 (each team member) and receive a free Relay T-shirt as a gift.

For more information, call

Ms. Beth Markle at 479-6026 or e-mail eam@zianet.com.

Bereavement

Bereavement for families and friends meets from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center in the private dining room.

For more information, call Ms. Paige Viscarra at 443-7891.

Deployed meeting

An open meeting for families and friends of deployed military personnel is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center's private dining room.

For more information, call Ms. Paige Viscarra at 443-7891.

Library friends

Friends of the Library meet at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the multi-purpose room of the Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Avenue. Anyone interested in helping with projects for the Library is encouraged to attend.

For more information call the library at 439-4140.

Poetry group

The Poetry Group, an informal group of traditional style poets, meets at 1 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at the Alamogordo Senior Center.

Writers' Corner

The Writers' Corner is a friendly, informal group of as-

piring writers of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Meetings are 4 p.m., the third Friday of each month in the NMSU-A Writing Center, 2400 N. Scenic Drive.

For more information call Ms. Sandra Riordan at 439-3712 or e-mail riordan@nmsua.nmsu.edu.



Construction

A construction project in the west area is rerouting traffic from the airfield. The first of three phases creates a new road from the intersection of 49er Road and Trinity, directly to Moroni Road. Moroni Road will be widened to accommodate an increased traffic flow. The first phase is scheduled to be completed this summer. The second phase of construction, which is still under design, is widening 49er from Trinity to east of Bong Street. The third phase, which is also still under design, is widening 49er from just east of Bong to the guard shack west of the baseball fields.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stacy Nimmo at 572-5832.

Wrestlemania

Wrestlemania is 4:30 p.m., Sunday at the enlisted club. The cost is \$7 for nonmembers and \$3 for members. Membership applications available at the door.

HazMart giveaway

Paints and other items are available for free issue at the HazMart. The program allows authorized users access to a variety of hazardous chemical items free of charge. To participate, shops must be authorized for the item and the item must be in HazMart's free issue area. For more information or to check for availability, call 572-7899, 572-3093 or 572-7608.

Housing reminders

Recyclable materials include paper, magazines, newspaper, plastic containers, aluminum cans and tin cans. Cardboard is also recyclable, but must be folded down and placed next to the toter. Yard waste, such as grass cuttings and vegetation, should be bagged and placed next to the toter. Glass,



Photo by U.S. Army Capt. Tony Hendges.

Be all you can be

Staff Sgt. Wendi Atchley and Master Sgt. Donald Easthouse receive the Army Commendation Medal from Maj. Vivian Gaz, 94th Control Team. They received the medal for the work they accomplished with the Army during the Air Expeditionary Force Silver rotation.

Styrofoam, light bulbs, paper plates, plastic utensils, alkaline batteries and diaper aren't recycled. For collection, place the blue recycling toter next to the curb by 6 a.m., Wednesdays. Auto batteries should be turned in at the location where the new battery is purchased. They will not be picked up by the trash collectors.

Bulk refuse is defined as large or heavy items such as appliances (not including refrigerators) furniture, old rugs, lumber products, tree branches and shrubbery that don't fit in the refuse container. Cut all branches to less than six feet. The only location for bulk refuse pickup is in front of an individual's housing unit. These items shouldn't be placed at the curb for pickup until Tuesday evening at the earliest.

Women's History Month

The 2004 National Women's History Month theme is "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility."

The following events are scheduled:

- NWHM luncheon: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 15 in the officers' club. The guest speaker will be Amy Haddad.
- Fashion show, "How to dress for

success": April 8 in the community center. Exact time will be announced.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Shelia Davis at 572-5574 or 572-5575 or e-mail shelia.davis@holloman.af.mil, or Mr. Donald Larsen at 572-3439 or e-mail donald.larsen@holloman.af.mil.

Women of merit articles

In celebration of women's history month, a series of articles will run in the Sunburst regarding women of merit. If there is a special woman in your life who should be recognized, submit an article to the Sunburst through e-mail at 49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil. Include the following information: The woman's name, relationship to you and why she is a woman of merit and deserves to be recognized.

Submit the article to the PA office by noon, Tuesday of each week until April 27.

For more information, call Ms. Diane Adams at 572-3625.

FSC

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Spouse employment workshop: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Monday.

- Heart link: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday.

- Three-day transition assistance program: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information, call the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the Web site at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School and Catholic Religious Education, 10:45 a.m.

Special events

- Stations of the Cross and meatless potluck: 6 p.m., today.

For more information about chapel services, call 572-7211.

On the BIG SCREEN



The Big Bounce (PG-13)

7 p.m., today

Calendar Girl (PG-13)

7 and 10 p.m., Saturday

The Perfect Score (PG-13)

7 p.m., Sunday and Thursday

For a limited time, tickets are 99 cents.

Miracle shot lets SFS slip by Test Group 56-53

Cops bust
46 TG in last
second
three pointer

by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

A last-second three pointer by 49th Security Forces Squadron guard Gary Perrin secured his team's 56-53 victory March 3 against the 46th Test Group during the last game of the regular Over-30 intramural basketball season at the Fitness and Sports Center.

The 46th TG was in front from the start with consecutive layups by forward Mike Knight and guard Fred Fulton. Guard Frank Weems, 49th SFS, answered back with jump shot after jump shot, keeping his team alive, but trailing the TG by 10.

TG poured on the pressure as guard Jerry Sanchez hooked an off-balance shot for a 22-10 lead. SFS forward Kevin Cook drilled down the court twice for two layups, helping his team to stay in the game. TG's Sanchez ended the first half with a three pointer, putting his team up 32-22. TG Coach Stan King said his team was short-handed, but could still play on.

"We just need to keep fresh legs in the game," Coach King said. "We have seven players, so we need to get those rebounds. If we continue to get the outside shots and go man-to-man, we'll come out on top."

The critical outside shots were made, but not by the TG team. SFS forward Maurice Eliard was fouled after sinking a jump shot. SFS picked up the pace with several layups by center Patrick



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Guard Will Bynum, 46th Test Group, attempts to pass the ball as 49th Security Forces Squadron forward Maurice Eliard tries for a block. The 49th SFS squeaked by the 46th TG with a last minute three pointer 56-53.

Burke to tie the game at 39.

Both teams were tired, but each continued to battle for the lead as TG's King sank a jump shot followed by a layup down the center by SFS

guard Kevin Cook. SFS pushed forward as guard Perrin banged out a huge three, followed by a layup by Burke to put his team up 56-53, ending the game.

SFS's Burke was the game's high scorer with 24 points. SFS moves on to play the 49th Maintenance Squadron in round one of the Over 30 playoffs Monday.



Intramural Standings - Basketball

Large Unit

Team	Win	Loss
49 MXS	12	3
49 CES A	11	3
49 OSS A	12	4
49 SFS	9	6
49 MMG	7	8
9 AMU	6	9
49 MDG	5	11
49 LRS	0	0
8 AMU	0	0

(Current as of March 4)

Small Unit

Team	Win	Loss
46 TG	12	1
4 SPCS	11	3
49 MSS/FW	10	4
49 CES B	7	5
49 CS	8	8
746 TS	6	6
49 CONS	3	10
49 MXS B	2	11
49 OSS B	0	0

(Current as of March 4)

Over 30

Team	Win	Loss
49 CES	12	0
49 MDG	9	3
49 LRS	6	5
49 MXS	6	5
49 SFS	4	8
46 TG	4	8
4 SPCS	0	0

(Current as of March 3)

World of Sports

The Fitness and Sports Center is issuing letter of intents Mon. for the 2004 intramural softball season. LOIs are due Apr. 7 for units to be eligible.

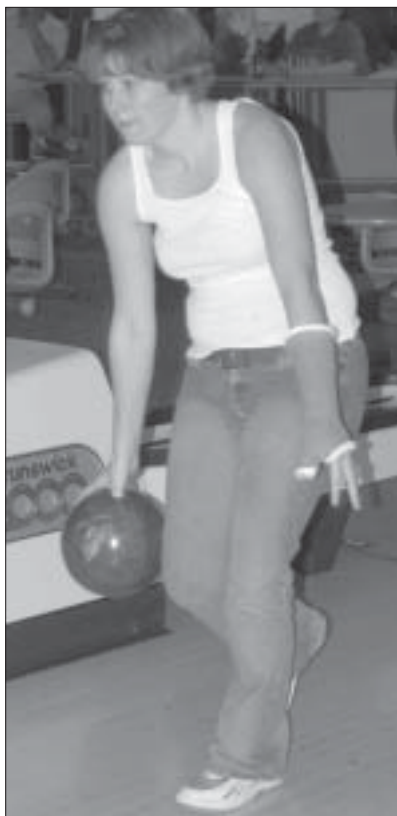
The Alamogordo Adult Baseball League spring season begins Apr. 24. Registration is going on now through the end of the month. Contact TSgt. Nathan Knox at 439-5669.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Striiiiike!

Mrs. Veronica Dagel, bowled a 299, one pin short of a perfect game, at the Desert Lane Bowling Center. This sets a record score for female bowlers at Holloman. The 299 score equals 11 strikes in a row followed by 9 pins on her last ball. Her 701 series consisted of a 222, 180, and 299. Mrs. Dagel is the wife of Senior Airman Nathan Dagel, 49th Maintenance Squadron.



Air Force Academy wins basketball conference title

AFA Falcons, picked to finish last, is only one win away from March Madness

Academy basketball player Nick Welch scored 17 points and Air Force's stifling defense shut down San Diego State 61-49 March 1 to complete the school's undefeated home season and clinch its first Mountain West Conference title.

The 21-5 Falcons (11-2 in the conference) never finished higher than sixth place; then it was in the Western Athletic Conference.

The victory moves Air Force, which was picked to finish last in the MWC pre-season poll, closer to its first postseason appearance since the 1962 NCAA Tournament.

The Falcons need to win at least one game at the MWC Tournament, held Thursday to Saturday in Denver, to enter the door to "March Madness."

More than 5,800 fans attended the March 1 game which was the final home game for Air Force seniors Marcus Jenkins, Joel Gerlach and A.J. Kuhle.

Gerlach scored 14 points and tied his season-high with four 3-pointers, while Kuhle scored two points and dished out a career-high 11 assists, five more than the entire San Diego team.

The nation's leading defense held San Diego's Brandon Heath scoreless and allowed Chris Walton just two points.

Heath went into the game averaging 14.5 points, and Walton was averaging 8.8.



Photo by Danny Meyer

Air Force senior guard Tim Keller spoils the shot of San Diego State forward Chris Walton, during the Falcon's 61-49 win over the Aztecs. With the win, Air Force boosted its conference record to 11-2 and its overall record to 21-5, winning its first Mountain West Conference championship in men's basketball. The Falcons close out regular season play March 6 at the University of Wyoming.

Air Force closed out the regular season March 6 in Laramie, Wyo., against the University of Wyoming Cowboys.

The Falcons will attempt to

post the best regular-season record in the five-year history of the Mountain West Conference. No league team has ever finished 12-2. (AFPN)



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from March 1 to Monday

Tickets

Security Forces issued five tickets: One for assault, one for failure to stop, one for no insurance and two for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit.

Property loss, damage or theft

March 1 – A civilian reported his truck was vandalized on Creosote Street and Valencia Road. The truck had cracks in the

windshield and dents in the hood and fender.

March 2 – A civilian reported his truck was damaged at building 587. The truck was pushed up on the curb, causing the post on the battery to be pulled from the casing.

March 7 – An NCO's family member reported a window in her house was damaged.

Civil arrest

March 2 – An airman was arrested by the New Mexico State Police for failure to appear in Otero County and failure to appear and contempt of court in Socorro County.

March 4 – An NCO was ar-

rested in Alamogordo for domestic assault.

March 8 – An NCO was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for contempt of court.

Patrol response

March 7 – A civilian reported a verbal altercation with an employee.

March 8 – An NCO found five illegal aliens hiding in a vehicle outside of building 1072.

March 8 – An NCO's family member left for school in the morning but never arrived at school and has not returned.

If you know of or have any information concerning any of these incidents, please contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial "911".



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

Buckle up

Air Combat Command is tracking seat belt compliance. Currently Holloman is at about 97 percent, which falls short of the ACC standard, 99 percent.

From Navy intel to AF trans

She sings, acts and drives a bus while deployed

by Capt. Stan Paregien

506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs,
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From Navy intelligence to Air Force bus driver, Senior Airman Sarah Holman has seen two different sides of military life in two different services.

At Kirkuk Air Base, she drives buses to get Army and Air Force from one side of the base to the other.

She also has used musical and acting talents while here.

“I have been performing since I was four years old. I sing, dance, act, perform public speaking and have done some modeling. I have been a dance choreographer since I was 8 years old. That was my first talent show outside of school,” Airman Holman added.

She is proud of switching from the Navy to the Air Force.

“I am glad they fulfilled my request to get me into a job that allows me to get out of an office. This has been a good experience for me. The biggest reward for me here is doing my job. In the states, I didn’t care so much for my job but being here I have been shown just how important transportation is. It seems that after being here, this situation we are in here, is what transportation is all about,” she said.

She added that in her time in Iraq she noticed a few unique differences between the Army and Air Force.

“The Army has mandatory physical training at 5 a.m. or so, where as we are trusted to do it on our own, which I prefer,” Airman Holman said. “The Air Force is more relaxed, but we still maintain our respect levels which is important.”

“I feel our quality of life is 10 times better because the Air Force cares a great deal about the welfare of their people,” said Airman Holman.

This is her first deployment ever. She didn’t deploy when she was in the Navy during her first enlistment. She said she spent a lot of time in a room reading reports.

“I volunteered to come to Iraq, unlike some who didn’t have a choice,” she said. “Moving people and goods where they need to go when they need to get here is vital because without it, this mission would not get done.”

“To have such an impact on something as major as Operation Iraqi Freedom is my biggest reward. I feel important because what we do is



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Williams

Senior Airman Sara Holman smiles while driving her bus at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq during a recent deployment.

so important. It’s an honor to me to be part of it. Especially when my customers tell me how much they appreciate what I do. That makes all the difference to me and I would do it all again,” she added.

“What I miss about the U.S. is my creature comforts, better weather, and places that are already developed and aren’t covered in mud and slush. I fell in several feet of mud the other day trying to cross the parking lot to get back to the dorms. It was funny but at the same time I hate being dirty, especially when dirty means muddy,” she smiled.

“Living in a tent was crucial but I dealt with it. I didn’t have to worry about bugs or mice, the dust wasn’t too horrible but it was much more than what I am used to. I would wake up at least five times throughout the night because I was so uncomfortable living like that, but I adapted and overcame which is what we do in the military,” she added.

Airman Holman performed in the Silver Freedom Chorale for the National Prayer Luncheon and Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Service under the direction of Master Sgt. Vaughn Price. Then she showed her versatility for the arts by picking up a last minute part in a play performed for the troops and airmen.

“Flexibility, that’s what makes us special and different in comparison to civilians. We can handle changes and we are a rare and special breed. It proves the point of having boot camp. It separates the weak from the strong,” she said.

